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FIRST RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated November 17, 2005 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.